

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 290
By Naifeh

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Doug Dickey on being inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is the great pleasure of this General Assembly to pay tribute to those professionals who, through their many decades of service to Tennessee athletics, have earned impressive honors and accolades; and

WHEREAS, Doug Dickey is one such estimable individual, having served as a football coach and Athletic Director for the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, born in Vermillion, South Dakota, Doug Dickey was an impressive athlete from a very early age; he was the quarterback of a 1953 Florida Gators football team that defeated Tulsa in the Gator Bowl, and has since been inducted into the Gator Bowl Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, accepting a coaching position at the University of Tennessee, Doug Dickey was Head Coach for six years, winning the SEC Championship in 1965 and 1967, amassing a 46-15-4 record, and receiving SEC Coach of the Year honors in 1965 and 1967; the 1967

Volunteers were selected National Champions by Likenhous and were so designated by the NCAA record book; and

WHEREAS, he went on to put up equally impressive numbers as Head Coach for the University of Florida, amassing a record of 58-43-2 before returning to Tennessee to become the Athletic Director at the University of Tennessee; as a player, coach, and Athletic Director, Doug Dickey has been involved in 31 bowl games; and

WHEREAS, serving as Athletic Director for the past 17 years, Doug Dickey has been responsible for an overwhelming amount of improvement in University of Tennessee athletics; he has increased the level of donations to the university from \$800,000 to more than \$15 million annually and was responsible for the development and addition of many sports complexes on campus; Mr. Dickey's presence on the NCAA Football Rules Committee, for whom he served as Chair from 1992-94, the NCAA Football Issues Committee, the NCAA Strategic Planning Committee, and the Board of the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment has made the athletic environment better for schools across the country; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Doug Dickey has already been inducted into both the Knoxville and Tennessee Sports Halls of Fame, was named Tennessean of the Year by the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, was named the 2001 winner of the Neyland Trophy by the Knoxville Quarterback Club, and the John H. Toner Award, the highest honor bestowed on an Athletic Director by the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, his many impressive accomplishments aside, he is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, JoAnne, and his children, Donald, Daniel, David, Daryl, and Jaren Anne Wells; and

WHEREAS, Doug Dickey's impressive accomplishments are certain to be remembered for years to come; his valuable service to the State of Tennessee cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pay tribute to this remarkable athlete, coach, and Athletic Director; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Doug Dickey upon his induction into the
TSSAA Hall of Fame, salute his commitment to Tennessee Athletics, and wish him the best in
his every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.